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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whānau

Pink Shirt Day

It was wonderful to see the sea of pink on Friday as we all came together to celebrate the importance of Pink Shirt Day. This has become one of our most significant events in our school calendar over the years and I am grateful to all those who participated in some way or another. During the week, many students also engaged in activities relating to Pink Shirt Day and the importance of accepting and embracing all our differences. At the heart of ensuring everyone at school feels valued and happy is the school's 5Bs. These are referred to regularly in our learning environments as well when we have events such as school and team assemblies. Thank you to Sophie Glen for organising these activities and the Pink Shirt day event.

Ellerslie School 5BS 

Our Learners will... The ways our learners will demonstrate our 5B School Values

 Be Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I own my words and actions. I am organised and prepared. I ask for support when needed. I complete all learning to the best of my ability.
 Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I use my manners. I listen to others. I follow the rules. I treat people fairly and accept differences.
 Be Kind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I use positive language. I show a caring attitude. I look after others. I share.
 Be a Good Friend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am trustworthy. I apologise and forgive. I am a positive influence to others. I include everyone.
 Be Helpful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I tidy up. I give support to others. I solve problems without being asked. I look after our environment.

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Our Amazing Office Team

I would like to acknowledge the amazing work our Ellerslie School office staff (Sheree, Karen, Kirsty and Leena) do on a daily basis to help ensure the school runs as smoothly and effectively as possible. Most importantly they spend much of their time caring for the students and families who arrive in the office area for a variety of reasons each day. During the last 2.5 years things have been particularly challenging. As part of the Covid Response Team they have been required to go over and above, often working on weekends and after hours as they have worked tirelessly to solve Covid-19 related issues. The office team is very much on the 'frontline' and we are very grateful to all the parents and caregivers who understand the complex nature of their roles.

Ellerslie School Cares - Family Support

The school has set up the Ellerslie School Cares support team. The purpose of this group is to continue to develop strong connections and engagement with the school community to ensure all whānau and families receive the support they need to help their children have the best chance of succeeding at school. While the school already supports a number of families in a variety of ways we are aware that there might be other families in our community who may need support. We have set up an email address cares@ellerslie.school.nz so people can contact the support team. This may be because you are directly asking for some support or you are aware of another family who may need support. All information is treated as highly confidential.

Covid-19 Update

As with all schools we are continuing to manage weekly Covid-19 cases amongst both the staff and students. Thankfully to date the school has remained open for instruction, which remains one of our priorities. When teachers are away due to Covid-19 related issues, we will follow the below process to ensure teaching and learning continues.

- Step 1: Teachers who are household contacts can teach if they return a daily negative RAT.
- Step 2: Employ a reliever.
- Step 3: Ask teachers to give up their release time on the day so they can cover GGs and pods.
- Step 4: See if non classroom based teachers are available to fill in (eg Deputy Principals, Principal, LSC).
- Step 5: Split classes across the team depending on numbers.

Teaching and Learning

It is fantastic to hear Te Reo Māori being spoken more and more in our school each day. This is an important focus for Ellerslie School throughout 2022 and onwards. This is part of our journey to recognise and respect the responsibilities and values of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Throughout the school we are all embracing this exciting challenge. Our staff have been given a copy of *Māori Made Easy* by Scotty Morrison and each fortnight we gather in the morning to learn and practise.



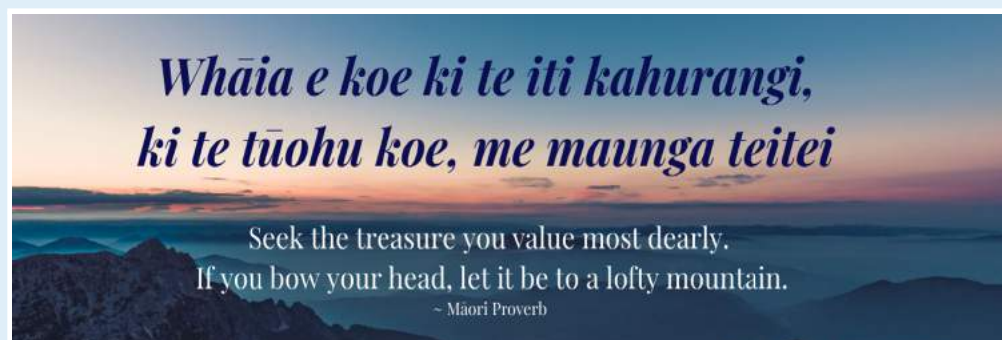
School Charter Consultation

New changes to schools' planning and reporting to the Ministry of Education as legislated in the Education and Training Act 2020, come into effect on 1 January 2023. Instead of a charter, schools will be required to publish a three-year Strategic Plan, an Annual Implementation Plan, and an Annual Report. To make the outcome successful, schools need to work in partnership with their communities to develop their plans so they reflect local needs and priorities. The Ministry of Education would like to hear what you think the planning and reporting process should look like. Community views will help decide what should be compulsory as regulations versus what should be guidance, so that strategic plans are flexible enough to meet local needs. Please click on to this important survey [here](#). The survey closes on Friday 3 June.

Staff Only Day

We would like to inform the community of an upcoming **Staff Only Day on Monday 27 June**. On this day the school will be closed. This has been timed around the Matariki Public Holiday on Friday 24 June. This day will allow staff to catch up some of their classroom release time which they have lost during Terms 1 and 2 due to having to cover teachers who have been away with Covid-19. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Ngā mihi nui
Nick Butler - Principal
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HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 - ORANGE SETTING

REMINDER HEALTH AND SAFETY - Orange Setting - Covid-19

We are asking everyone to continue to follow a number of safety measures:

- If anyone in your household tests positive for Covid-19, please report any information about your child to the school via this [LINK](#).
- Stay home if you are sick. If this is the case – stay home and get tested. If you have cold, flu or Covid-19 symptoms, stay home. Call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 3585453 for advice about getting tested.
- Face masks are ***strongly encouraged*** to be worn by staff and students at school, when indoors.
- All visitors including parents and whānau, are to wear a face mask when indoors onsite.
- Face masks are to be worn in the office foyer.
- Face masks are mandatory on school transport for students aged 12 and older.
- Keep a physical distance away from other people where possible.
- Inform the school if you need to pick up your children outside pickup and drop off times and only come to the office.
- Parents / caregivers may enter any learning environments before school however a face mask needs to be worn.
- Parents / caregivers can enter the school courtyard (face masks are strongly encouraged).
- Keep the school informed of any important Covid-19 related information.
- Reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying.
- Reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Ensure all indoor spaces are well ventilated by opening windows, doors, and any vents.

REMINDER - SCHOOL TERM 2 TIMETABLE

	Rimu / Miro / Pōhutukawa Teams 1, 2 and 4 / Years 1, 2, 5, 6	Mataī / Kauri Teams 3 and 5 / Years 3, 7, 8
8.30am Bell	Learning areas are open for all students.	Learning areas are open for all students.
Session 1	8:50am - 10:00am	8:50am - 10:30am
Morning Tea Break	10:00am - 10:20am	10:30am - 10:50am
Session 2	10:20am - 11:45am	10:50am - 12:30pm
Break	11:45am - 12:30pm	12:30pm - 1:15pm
Session 3	12:30pm - 1:35pm	1:15pm-2:45pm
Afternoon Break	1:35pm - 1:45pm	
Session 4	1:45pm - 2:45pm	

THIS WEEK AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

SCHOOL FOCUS

School Focus for Week 4: Be Curious - I can be inquisitive and ask questions.

School Focus for Week 5: Be Creative - I can use my imagination.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - TUESDAY 31 MAY AND WEDNESDAY 01 JUNE

Photolife will be here at Ellerslie School to take students' individual and class photos on Tuesday 31 May and Wednesday 01 June. Please ensure that the correct school uniform is worn by all students that day, including correct socks/tights and black school shoes. A reminder to give yourself enough time to order a new uniform from the [Argyle Online](#) website. The Ellerslie School uniform guidelines are available on the Ellerslie School website. If your child/ren require sibling photos, Photolife requires specific parent/guardian permission to do these. Please complete this [Sibling form](#) by Friday 27 May. If there is no permission given, sibling photos are unable to be taken.

YEAR 8 BAKE SALES

Our Year 8 students are fundraising for 2022 Leavers' Hoodies. They will be holding three lunchtime bake sales on:

- Thursday 16 June - for Year 3-4 students (Matai Pod)
- Friday 17 June - for Year 0-2 students (Rimu, Miro and Rata Pods)
- Thursday 23 June - for Year 5-8 students (Pohutukawa and Kauri Pods)

This year we have a combo of an American hot dog and cookies available for lunch, for only \$5.50. Sales are available now on Kindo only - under "Other Activities", and orders need to be received by 3:00pm on the Tuesdays prior to each bake sale. There are Gluten free/Vegetarian options also available.

TEAM UPDATES

<p>RIMU / MIRO (Year 1)</p>	<p>Kia Ora Team 1 Whanau. We are excited to welcome new families to our school and look forward to sharing the adventure of school with their children. We had a very fun Pink Shirt Day.</p> <p>Our focus has been on what makes a great friend and all the ways we can show this at school and home. We are enjoying our Inquiry with our focus on Dance. The children are learning a range of dances from folk dancing to sasa to some hip hop. Excitement levels are high!</p> <p>Just a quick note to please remember to name all your children's clothing as with this changeable weather jumpers, jackets and hats are being lost.</p>	
<p>RATA (Year 2)</p>	 <p>We had a fantastic time learning about inclusivity in Sport via our sessions with the Halberg Trust last week. The children gained some understanding of how games can be adapted to ensure all children can participate. This involved playing volleyball and throwing at targets in a range of different ways. Thanks so much to Miss Glen for organising this for us!</p> <p>We were also incredibly fortunate to have some lovely parents come and read some cool stories linked to our Bounce Back programme on Pink Shirt Day. The children love to be read to!</p>	
<p>MATAI (Years 3 and 4)</p>	<p>Talofa Matai Whānau. What a super Pink Shirt Day we had, celebrating the end of Bully Free NZ week. There were so many positive conversations and discussions about how we can be kinder and more supportive to others. Thank you for the effort that went into organising the wardrobes!</p> <p>As we move into the muddier part of our year we are encouraging our students to wear only their socks inside. Our pods are warm and comfortable; please ensure that any undergarments are short sleeved as well. Tracksuit pants are fine, however students can not play on the field while wearing them so a change of shorts might be a good idea. We are looking forward to celebrating Samoan language week next week! Vaai fa'alelei lou soifua (take good care of your health).</p>	

<p>PŌHUTUKAWA (Years 5 and 6)</p>	<p>Talofa lava outou Pōhutukawa aiga, This week our Pōhutukawa learners developed their teamwork skills - during our augmented reality sessions (see photo above). Check out the Thrillzone brochure that your child/ren brought home.</p> <p>Our exploration into our inquiry 'The Artist Within Me' is in full swing! Our tagata aoga (students) are letting their creativity shine through, as they work collaboratively to retell a story or a message. 2022 marks the twelfth year of Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week celebrations in Aotearoa. This year's theme is Fa'a'auāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai - Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean. Join with us as we learn common Samoan greetings and sayings next week.</p> <p>Our digitally savvy Year 5 and 6 students greatly benefit from using their personal devices at school. We encourage all students to bring their own headphones to use with their device at school. This minimises the disruption of others, when individuals are accessing online learning tools. Fa'afetai tele lava (thanks very much) for your continued support in your child/ren's learning!</p>	
<p>KAURI (Years 7 and 8)</p>	<p>Kia ora from Kauri Team! We were thrilled to have our first Zone Day for 2022 this week! Congratulations to our Girls' Football Team for their efforts on Wednesday. Our Boys' Football Team is competing next Friday.</p> <p>We have completed our auditions for our Team 5 Production, scheduled to take place at the end of this term. Now we begin the fun task of learning our lines, deciding on costumes and creating our props! We started our Language lessons this week. Students will have one lesson each week in their chosen language (French, German, Te Reo, Sāmoan, Spanish).</p>	

NETBALL

We are very excited to have 17 netball teams representing Ellerslie School from years 2-8 this year. All of our teams have started their season at the Auckland Netball Centre, St John's. A big thank you to our coaches and team managers who are volunteering their time to support our netball community. We look forward to watching our teams grow in their confidence and abilities and continue to make Ellerslie School proud!



ELLERSLIE SCHOOL TRIVIA AND KARAOKE NIGHT - FRIDAY 05 AUGUST

Tickets for the Ellerslie School Trivia and Karaoke night on Friday 05 August are on sale now! These are only \$10.00 each and are available on Eventbrite via this [LINK](#). This year's theme is a Travel Trivia Quiz.

Make up a table with seven friends (max eight per table) or meet new people by emailing Sarah Nuttall and be seated with other parents/whanau from school. After you've completed the Trivia round, belt out some karaoke songs solo or with your table! You're welcome to bring your own platters of food, or purchase nibbles on the night. Prizes for the best-dressed tables so get thinking of a great travel theme, along with spot prizes, raffle and a silent auction!

Also, if you are (or know) a sponsor who would like to contribute to this event please contact Sarah - sarah@ellerslie.school.nz.

VOLUNTEER HUB AT ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

All parents and whānau of our students are welcome to join our Volunteer Hub. However much time you are able to give and whenever you are available, is always appreciated. Have you got an idea for a student, parent or community event/project Ellerslie School can run or be involved with? Help out with the set-up or help at an event? Lend a hand on a Pizza/Mufti day? Have a business contact who can donate a prize? Help with a Passion Club? The list goes on!

Come and meet our group and Sarah Nuttall (School Engagement Coordinator) in the staffroom on Thursday 02 June from 7:00pm-8:00pm, to find out about all the exciting things we have planned for the year, and contribute any ideas and suggestions that you have. Please RSVP to Sarah at sarah@ellerslie.school.nz by 01 June for catering purposes.

TISSUES

As we head into the winter season, our Guardian Group teachers would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues and/or packets of baby wipes. You are welcome to deliver these straight to your child's teacher or to the school office.



ELLERSLIE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT 2022

FRIDAY 05 AUGUST
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OR JOIN A TEAM - EMAIL
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IMPORTANT DATES

- 26 MAY 2022 - TEAM 1 NEW PARENTS MEET AND GREET EVENING - Staffroom - 7:00pm-8:30pm
- 31 MAY 2022 - SCHOOL PHOTOS WITH PHOTOLIFE - DAY 1
- 01 JUNE 2022 - SCHOOL PHOTOS WITH PHOTOLIFE - DAY 2
- 03 JUNE 2022 - Y7/8 E.Z. FOOTBALL BOYS TOURNAMENT
- 06 JUNE 2022 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
- 16 JUNE 2022 - BAKE SALE 1 FOR MATAI POD STUDENTS (YEARS 3,4)
- 17 JUNE 2022 - BAKE SALE 2 FOR RIMU, MIRO AND RATA POD STUDENTS (YEARS 0,1,2)
- 23 JUNE 2022 - BAKE SALE 3 FOR POHUTUKAWA AND KAURI STUDENTS (YEARS 5, 6, 7, 8)
- 24 JUNE 2022 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MATARIKI
- 27 JUNE 2022 - STAFF ONLY DAY
- 08 JULY 2022 - LAST DAY OF TERM TWO
- 05 AUGUST 2022 - ELLERSLIE SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

(Dates can also be found under "Calendar" on the Ellerslie School App, and can be downloaded to your own diary.)

STEAM@Ellerslie

Hi Ellerslie community, another great term is unfolding in the Steam Pod this term. Kauri Team (Year 7 and 8 students) are currently involved in a metalwork project - they are making bronze rings. The students use a piece of wax to create their designs and then we send it away to be cast in bronze, there are some very cool pieces being created.

Matai Team (Year 3 and 4) are working around the science concept of sound. We have been working on two projects about how sounds are created and how the sound waves can travel. Currently, we are involved in a fair test experiment to find which given materials can make the best 'paper cup telephone'. Later in the term we will move into some Coding and Robotics and end with a couple of lessons doing some Food Technology.

Bridges to Schools Project launch with Fletchers, Institution of Civil Engineers and AUT

Last Friday, 15 very lucky Ellerslie School students went to the Fletchers Office in Penrose to help launch the Bridges to Schools Project, a collaborative initiative which hopes to inspire the next generation of engineers.

After donning their vests and hard hats, the students were given instructions to create a cable-stayed bridge. Everyone got stuck in and worked collaboratively to make the 11 metre long bridge, before testing their creation by walking across the bridge. At around 5:00pm Fletchers' invited guests arrived and the students then put the bridge back together again. It only took them 20 minutes the second time, well done team!! Fletchers, along with their partners in this project, are hoping to have many more bridges of this type and hope to get them into all New Zealand primary schools. At the moment this is the only bridge that has been made and our team were the very first students in New Zealand to see and build the bridge. It was a very special opportunity for those involved.



Thank you to the students who attended, you were all wonderful and you did yourselves and Ellerslie School proud. I had many comments from the organisers and the guests about how polite and hardworking you all were. Thanks also to Mrs Bilsborough and Mr Butler for their support on the night.

REMINDERS

2022 SCHOOL DATES

- **Term Two - Monday 02 May to Friday 08 July** (Holiday - Queen's Birthday 06 June, Matariki 24 June)
- **Term Three - Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September**
- **Term Four - Monday 17 October to Friday 16 December** (Holiday - Labour Day 24 October)

ABSENCES

If your child/ren is/are going to be away from school, please do one of the following **BEFORE 9:00am** each morning:

- call the school (579-5477), press option 1 and leave a message on the answer phone.
- use the Absence submission template on the Ellerslie School App.
- send an email to office@ellerslie.school.nz
- use the Absence submission form on the school website.

Please clearly state your child/ren's name, Guardian Group and reason why they are absent.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is away for 5 continuous days or more, please note that you are required to either:

- Before Travel - complete an "Application for Student Extended Leave Form" - [link](#)
- Illness which is not Covid-19 related - provide a Medical Certificate.

LATE TO SCHOOL

If your child is late to school, please ensure that they report to the office immediately on arrival to sign in and collect a late slip to give to their teacher. These are issued at the **back** of the office, entry through the door between Miro/Rimu Pods.

STUDENT LEAVE

A reminder for those parents/whānau wishing to take their child out of school for any non-school related reason for more than three days must apply in writing to the Principal. Please ensure that a [Student Extended Leave form](#) is completed and submitted to the school office for approval.

IMPORTANT - UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

Do we have your correct contact details? Have you changed your phone number, address, email or emergency contacts over the holidays? Are we able to contact you or an alternative person in an emergency? Are you receiving our school newsletters to your correct email address? If you need to update any of these, please email office@ellerslie.school.nz with your child/ren's name and updated information.

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

We always encourage feedback both positive and anything you think we need to work on to keep making our school a great place for our learners. The Concerns and Complaints procedure encourages concerns to be resolved informally through discussions with the person concerned. If this is appropriate, please contact the relevant person directly. If this is not appropriate, the procedure provides for other avenues to resolve issues. Copies of our procedures can be found on the [school website](#).

MEDICINES AT SCHOOL

If your child has asthma or a related medical condition where they require administration of medicines at school, please note that we require parental permission to do this. The consent [form](#) is found on our website. Also, if we are holding your child's inhaler or other medication at school, please communicate with us regularly to ensure that we have the correct medication and that it is replaced before expiry. Email is office@ellerslie.school.nz.

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder that all lost property is located in front of the blue wall, on the left of the school office. Only un-named items will be stored, with named items being returned to the child where possible. Please ensure that you clearly name all items of uniform.

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